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> Re-Dr. Bob Bowman

> > Institute for Space and Security Studies

MUR # 5876

Dear Mr Jordan and Ms DeJarnett-Miller:

This is in response t your letter of November 9, 2006 to Dr. Bob Bowman enclosing a complaint from the Republican Executive Committee of Brevard County, Florida alleging that Dr Bowman and the Institute for Space and Securities Studies may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). As I have previously indicated, I represent Dr Bowman and the Institute for Space and Securities Studies for purposes of responding to your inquiry We appreciate the opportunity to submit this written response pursuant to the Act that demonstrates that no action should be taken by the Commission against Dr Bowman or the Institute for Space and Securities Studies because no violation of the Act has been committed

#### **Background**

Robert M Bowman, Ph D was the Democratic candidate for Congress in 2006 in the 15th Congressional District of Florida. The 15th Congressional District includes Brevard County. Dr. Bowman is a nationally known expert in the field of space and national security matters He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force He flew 101 combat missions in Vietnam and directed all the "Star Wars" programs under Presidents Ford and Carter He is the

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recipient of the Eisenhower Medal, the George F. Kennan Peace Prize, the President's Medal of Veterans for Peace, the Society of Military Engineers' ROTC Award of Merit (twice), six Air Medals, and dozens of other awards and honors. His Ph.D is in Aeronautics and Nuclear Engineering from Caltech. He chaired 8 major international conferences, and is one of the country's foremost experts on National Security. Dr. Bowman was an independent candidate for President of the United States in 2000 on the Reform Party ticket.

Dr Bowman is the President of the Institute For Space and Security Studies, Inc., a not for profit corporation that has a board of directors but no employees. It is an independent, tax-exempt, publicly-supported organization that is devoted to research and educational activities in the field of national security. The Institute has published Space and Security News, a newsletter, about three times annually since 1983 but suspended operations from November 2005 to November 2006 due to Dr Bowman's unavailability due to his campaign for Congress. The Space and Security News is typically mailed to 12,000 subscribers by a professional printing and mailing service, Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc. of Woodbridge, VA, which routinely mails the newsletter under the non-profit bulk permit of Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc. The Institute for Security Studies does not have its own non-profit mailing permit. Dr. Bowman has utilized the services of Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc. for over twenty years

During Dr Bowman's campaign for Congress, his campaign published literature supporting his candidacy that was distributed via the U.S. Postal Service to potential supporters including the 12,000 subscribers and friends of the Institute for Space and Security Studies and approximately 6,000 other contributors and political supporters. The first such mailing was distributed in June 2006 and was entitled "National Security News". It was the mailing complained of by the Republican Committee of Brevard County in its complaint to the Commission and was Exhibit A to the complaint

The National Security News dated June 2006 announced on page 1 that it was paid for by "Bowman for Congress." and contained the URL of Dr. Bowman's campaign website in the header at the top of the first page. The content was mostly devoted to articles announcing that Dr Bowman was running for Congress, the issues and positions that he espoused as a candidate and contact information for the campaign—Because the newsletter went to the subscribers of the Institute for Space and Security Studies newsletter, page one of National Security News noted that the publication of the Space and Security News would be suspended during Dr. Bowman's candidacy but that the work of the Institute would go on even though Dr Bowman was on leave during the campaign—Supporters of the Institute were encouraged to continue their support.

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The thrust of the National Security News, however, was clearly as a campaign communication

In 2000, when Dr Bowman ran for President of the United States as the Reform Party candidate, the literature for that campaign was printed and distributed by Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc. At that time, Lee Boeble, the proprietor of Discount Newsletter Printing, had advised Dr. Bowman that because his campaign was a non-profit organization that it would be permissible for the campaign to use Discount Newsletter Printing's non-profit mailing permit. Dr Bowman assumed that since Ms Boeble was in the business of producing and mailing such literature that she knew what she advised him was correct.

In March 2006, Dr Bowman, acting through Patti D Gibbons, the treasurer of the Bowman for Congress Campaign Committee, caused a Statement of Organization of the Bowman for Congress Campaign Committee to be filed with the Commission on FEC Form 1. FEC identification number C00421164 was assigned to it Dr Bowman also filed a Form SS-4 application with the Internal Revenue Service seeking an EIN number for the Bowman for Congress Campaign Committee as a non-profit campaign committee. It was the understanding of Dr. Bowman and his staff that the campaign committee was a legitimate non-profit entity

When Dr. Bowman worked with Ms. Boeble to produce and mail the National Security News campaign piece, they assumed that since his campaign in 2000 had used the printer's non-profit mailing designation that it would be proper to do so under the 2006 campaign as well. So, the June 2006 campaign newsletter was mailed out using Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc.'s non-profit US Postage paid permit #70 from the post office in Woodbridge, Virginia There was no intent on the part of Dr. Bowman or, it appears, on the part of Ms. Boeble to violate any federal laws in handling the newsletter in that fashion Nor was there any intent by Ms. Boeble that we can discern to make an improper corporate donation to the Bowman campaign This situation was merely an innocent mistake on the part of the printer and on the part of the Bowman campaign which was misinformed on the appropriate way to mail campaign literature.

Sometime thereafter, the use of the non-profit mailing rate was raised as an issue to Dr. Bowman The campaign contacted several post offices in Florida trying to determine what was the appropriate rate to use for election campaign literature but got conflicting advice. Dr. Bowman asked an attorney how to handle this situation and was advised that election campaign literature had to be mailed using the usual first class mailing rate or bulk rates applicable to bulk mail. All subsequent correspondence from the campaign was handled in that fashion. The October 2006 issue of National Security News was sent by Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc

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from Woodbridge, Virginia using the printing company's standard bulk rate indicia.

As part of the activities closing down the campaign financial operations, Dr. Bowman directed that the campaign treasurer correspond with the postmaster in Woodbridge, Virginia and send a check for the difference between the non-profit rate postage and the bulk rate postage so that the US Postal Service would be appropriately compensated for the earlier mailing that was done at the non-profit rate in error

The Institute for Space and Security Studies, Inc. played no role in either the production or mailing of either issue of the campaign newsletter on Dr. Bowman's behalf. It had effectively suspended operations during Dr. Bowman's campaign. Moreover, the Institute does not have its own mailing permit for bulk mail.

Enclosed with this correspondence as exhibits are

- a copy of the letter from your office and the original complaint
- 2. The affidavit of Robert M. Bowman explaining the circumstances described above and the following true and correct copies of documents pertinent to his affidavit:
- 3 FEC Form 1 for the Bowman for Congress Campaign Committee
- 4. Form SS-4 for the Bowman for Congress Campaign Committee signed by Dr. Bowman.
- 5. The November 2005 newsletter of the Institute of Space and Security Studies showing the use of the Woodbridge, VA non-profit permit #70 which belongs to Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc
- The June 2006 issue of National Security News showing the use of the Woodbridge, VA non-profit permit #70 which belongs to Discount Newsletter

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#### Printing, Inc

- A piece of promotional literature for Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc. Showing its rate sheets and prices
- 8 Copies of the invoice from Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc. For the June 2006 campaign mailing and for the October 16, 2006 mailing showing the difference in postage charged.
- A copy of the letter from Ms Patti Gibbons, campaign treasurer, to the Postmaster of Woodbridge, VA dated November 25, 2006 enclosing a check for \$1,097.05.
- The originals of the designation of counsel forms previously sent via facsimile to your office

#### Legal Analysis

The Act prohibits corporations, including corporations organized under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code from making expenditures in connection with any election for Federal Office 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). The Commission's regulations implementing this prohibition specifically provide that corporations may not make expenditures in connection with a Federal election "for communications to those outside the restricted class that expressly advocate the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidate(s) or the candidates of a clearly identified political party" 11 C.F.R. § 114 2(b)(2)(ii) (emphasis added)

It is clear that the National Security News published in June 2006 was urging and advocating the election of Dr. Robert Bowman to Congress and could only be interpreted by a reasonable person as advocating Dr. Bowman's election. However, it did not constitute a prohibited "electioneering communication" because the C F R provides in 11 C.F R. § 100.29.

(c) Electioneering communication does not include any communication that (1) Is publicly disseminated through a means of communication other than a broadcast, cable, or satellite television or radio station. For example, electioneering communication does

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not include communications appearing in print media, including a newspaper or magazine, handbill, brochure, bumper sticker, yard sign, poster, billboard, and other written materials, including mailings, communications over the Internet, including electronic mail, or telephone communications,

Also, expenditures that must otherwise be reported to the FEC are not considered electioneering communications, even if they would otherwise qualify. 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.29(c)(3) and 104.20(b). Generally, political committees registered with the FEC are therefore not subject to the electioneering communications rules. Because "National Security News" published and disseminated by the Bowman Campaign in June 2006 was a printed newsletter sent via the US mail and not a broadcast, cable or satellite communication that referred to a clearly identified Federal candidate, was publicly distributed for a fee within 60 days of the general election and was targeted to the relevant electorate, it did not constitute a prohibited "electioneering communication"

The "National Security News" newsletter was produced entirely by the Bowman for Congress Campaign Committee, a non-profit entity registered with the Commission, and not the Institute for Space and Security Studies, Inc. or any other corporate entity other than the Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc which produced the newsletter on a fee for service basis and merely passed along the postage costs that it incurred to mail the newsletter. While it determined that the newsletter could be mailed using the Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc 's bulk non-profit mailing permit, it did so in error. There is no evidence that either Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc or the Bowman campaign were involved in anything but an erroneous interpretation of postage regulations applicable to such literature. Apparently, such matters are not all that clear to postal authorities as Dr. Bowman relates that the campaign received conflicting advice from different post offices. Since the party at issue that might have been negatively affected by this mistake, the US Postal Service, has been reimbursed for the difference in postage amounts between the non-profit rate and the bulk rate, there is no reason to believe that any party was harmed by this innocent mistake concerning postal rates which are not subject to the enforcement jurisdiction of the Commission but rather the US Postal Service.

#### Conclusion

The complaint of the Republican Executive Committee of Brevard County is wholly without ment as it alleges that Dr. Bowman and the Institute for Space and Security Studies violated the Federal Election Campaign Act and provides no evidence of any such violation that

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is supported by the true facts. In reality, the Institute for Security Studies, Inc. took no part in the production or financing of the campaign literature complained of by the Republican Executive Committee of Brevard County. Any violation of postal regulations by the Bowman Campaign or Dr. Bowman himself was innocent and corrected by the subsequent payment of the difference in postage required to be paid under the circumstances. The enforcement of the use of correct postal rates is not a matter within the jurisdiction of the Federal Election Commission.

Accordingly, the Commission should take no action concerning this complaint

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela B. Stuart

Counsel for Dr. Bob Bowman and The Institute for Security Studies

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cc: Dr. Bowman

#### BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In Re Bowman for Congress,

Respondent. : MUR # 5876

#### AFFIDAVIT OF DR. ROBERT BOWMAN

My name is Robert M. Bowman. I was a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Florida in 2006. In 2000, I was a candidate for President of the United States in the Reform Party. I am a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force. I flew 101 combat missions during the Vietnam War. I earned my Ph.D. in Aeronautics and Nuclear Engineering from the California Institute of Technology.

I am the President of the Institute for Space and Security Studies, a not for profit corporation that has a board of directors but no employees. It is an independent, tax-exempt, publicly-supported organization devoted to research and educational activities in the field of national security. The Institute has published Space and Security News, a newsletter, since 1983. It has a mailing list of approximately 12,000. The Institute suspended operations during the pendency of my campaign for Congress during which time I was on a leave of absence. The Institute published no newsletters between November 2005 and December 2006. I do its work mostly from my home at

I also own Chiliad III, a schedule C sole proprietorship that does real estate investment and business support services. Chiliad III owns the computer, copier, and other equipment I use

at my home.

The Institute for Space and Security Studies does not have its own non-profit organization mailing permit, but mails its newsletter to its subscribers and friends utilizing the services of Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc. of Woodbridge, Virginia.. Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc. is in the business of publishing newsletters and utilizes its own mailing permit in Woodbridge, Virginia for the purpose of mailing out mass-produced newsletters and charges the postage back to its clients. I have utilized the services of Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc. for over 20 years.

Whenever I use the services of Discount Newsletter printing, I work with its owner, Lee Boeble or a member of her staff to develop the printed material and Ms. Boeble or her staff arranges for the mailing. Ms. Boeble or her staff has determined on each occasion the placement of and wording of the legend on the newsletter indicating that the newsletter is being mailed at a particular postage rate. Because I have no expertise in such matters and it is Ms. Boeble's business, I relied on her to make sure all mailings were done in compliance with applicable law.

On or about March 6, 2006, I caused a Statement of Organization of the Bowman for Congress Campaign Committee, FEC identification number C00421164, to be filed by Patti D. Gıbbons, the treasurer of the Committee, on FEC Form 1. On that same date, I filed a Form SS-4 Application for an Employer Identification Number with the Internal Revenue Service seeking an EIN number for the Bowman for Congress Campaign Committee in which I identified the organization as a non-profit campaign committee. Copies of these documents are attached to this affidavit as exhibits 1 and 2, respectively.

In or about June 2006, I worked with Ms. Boeble to develop a mass mailing for purposes

of my campaign. I worked on the contents on my own computer and supplied the copy to her for a mailing entitled "National Security News." It was clearly identified on page 1 as having been paid for by Bowman for Congress. I included the address of my campaign website, <a href="www.Bowman2006.com">www.Bowman2006.com</a>, and my campaign email <a href="mailto:DrBob@bowman2006.com">DrBob@bowman2006.com</a> on the header of the piece. The only mention of the Institute for Security Studies made in the entire piece was to announce that I was on leave from my duties with the organization during the campaign and that Space & Security News would not be published during that period, but that contributions could be made to ISSS as well as to the campaign.

I recall that during my conversation with Ms. Boeble about mailings during my 2000 presidential campaign, she said that since the campaign was a non-profit that it could use the printer's non-profit designation. In 2006, we all assumed that since we had used non-profit rates to mail a piece for my presidential campaign in 2000, it would be proper to use the non-profit rate to mail this piece that way since my campaign was a non-profit organization. Our June National Security News was therefore mailed out using Discount Newsletter Printing's non-profit indicia US Postage paid permit #70 from Woodbridge, VA.

I subsequently learned that the use of a non-profit permit for mailing had been raised as an issue in the campaign and consulted an attorney who advised me that campaign mailings had to be done at standard bulk rate. (It took a while to determine this, because we got conflicting answers from different post offices.) All subsequent correspondence from the campaign was handled in that fashion. In October 2006, we mailed another issue of National Security News, this one using Discount Newsletter Printing's standard bulk rate indicia. At the suggestion of the attorney, I asked my campaign treasurer to send a check to the Postmaster at the Woodbridge,

Virginia post office for the difference between the postage paid for the June 2006 newsletter sent at the non-profit rate and the postage which would have been due at the appropriate rate for a federal election campaign newsletter and she has done so.

In addition to the FEC Form 1 and the SS-4 for my campaign committee mentioned previously, I have attached as exhibits to my affidavit a true copy of the November 2005 Space & Security News newsletter of the Institute for Space and Security Studies, the June 2006 National Security News of Bowman for Congress announcing that I was running for Congress, a copy of the rate sheets and prices for Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc., copies of the invoice from Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc for the June 2006 mailing's postage and for one mailed on October 16, 2006 at the standard rate, and a copy of the letter from Ms. Gibbons, campaign treasurer, to the Postmaster of Woodbridge, Virginia dated November 25, 2006, enclosing a copy of a check for \$1,097.05. I have also enclosed the originals of the designation of counsel forms that were faxed to Alva DeJarnett-Miller of the FEC's General Counsel's Office.

In summary, there was no improper use of a non-profit entity, the Institute for Space and Security Studies (ISSS), which is a non-profit corporation, in support of my campaign. ISSS had nothing to do with the National Security News or its mailing. No funds, personnel, or equipment of ISSS were used in any way for my campaign. The mailing of National Security News on a non-profit permit was done by Discount Newsletter Printing, Inc. utilizing their mailing permit, not one belonging to the Institute for Space and Security Studies. At the time of the mailing in question, the Institute for Space and Security Studies was not in operation because its activities were suspended while I was a candidate for Congress. Once my campaign learned of the error, it mailed its second newsletter at the correct postal rate and, when the campaign was over, the

Postmaster in Woodbridge, VA was reimbursed for the difference between the cost of mailing the first newsletter and the cost at the higher rate. Should I once again become a candidate for federal office, I then will know the rules for the use of postage for mailings of campaign literature.

Accordingly, I ask the Commissioners to vote to take no action on the complaint of the Republican Party of Brevard County against Bowman for Congress and the Institute for Space and Security Studies and to dismiss it.

Pursuant to 28 U.S. C § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 7, 2006

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# TAKE BACK AMERICA Elect a Citizens' Congress To Serve the People

by Dr. Robert M. Bowman, Lt. Col., USAF, ret. based on an idea by 2 Lt. Dennis Morrisseau

For decades now, many of us have concentrated our efforts on electing a president of the United States who we felt would serve the interests of the people In 2000, frustrated with the choices available. I even ran for the job myself - most unsuccessfully. The sad truth is that our political system is rigged to eliminate any competition to the two major political parties And at the national level, both those parties are dominated by big money interests. There are many good Republicans and Democrats, but it is impossible for them to be nominated for the presidency. The power of big money and the corporate press make sure that any "outsider" doesn't stand a chance. To get the nomination, you must be a member of "the club" When a truly independent candidate surfaces (like a Jerry Brown or a Heather Anne Harder or a Bob Bowman or a Dennis Kucinich or a Howard Dean), he or she is first ignored by the media When (as with Dean) they can't ignore him any longer, they find a way to destroy him, usually by ridicule The video of Dean's "scream" was a gross distortion of reality produced by the selective use of technology to filter out the boisterous crowd noise over which Dean could barely be heard

Yes, Democratic candidates tend to be more liberal on social domestic issues than Republican candidates. But on the big issues of importance to the establishment (war and peace, the defense budget, globalization, foreign policy), those issues which affect the bottom line of the giant multinational corporations, there is no difference. Bill Clinton, for example, was infinitely better than G W. Bush in so many ways, but when push came to shove, he served the big money masters also. He continued the brutal sanctions against Iraq and conducted the rape of Yugoslavia to procure a pipeline through Kosovo to move Caspian Sea oil and gas to the Mediterranean. Al Gore as vice-president was the hatchet-man who pushed NAFTA through Congress. As a

#### IF THE PEOPLE WILL LEAD, THE LEADERS WILL FOLLOW

At long last, a few Democrats in Congress are starting to speak up on Iraq. It took some courageous Republicans like Senator Chuck Hagel to do it first. Even then, the Democratic leadership was largely silent. After Katrina and Rita and the 2000th US military casualty milestone was passed, the public finally turned against the Iraq war policy. Millions of us in the grass roots had been against it all along, but we could be ignored It's only when we became a majority as reflected in the polls that things began to change inside the Beltway. All of a sudden Senator Reid and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi began to find their voices One after another, members of Congress joined the chorus The "coup de gras" was when Rep. John Murtha, decorated Vietnam veteran and among the most hawkish of the Democrats, called for immediate withdrawal Not a 12% reduction next year (as Senator John Kerry suggested), but a total withdrawal within six months. Murtha correctly stated that the military had done their job, and had accomplished all that could be done militarily. Their continued presence was only breeding more terrorists, feeding the resistance, weakening our military posture, and harming our security In coming days, others will no doubt speak up, no longer fearing to be called "soft on defense." The pattern is complete First the people speak When their voices can no longer be ignored, the "leaders" will put their toe into the water. Then a John Murtha takes the plunge, and finally the political sheep join in It is ever thus. If the people will lead, the leaders will follow The real leaders are people like Cindy Sheehan and those of you who joined us in protesting this war before it even started Your efforts have paid off Keep it up We CAN make a difference and we HAVE!

presidential nominee, he promised a bigger increase in defense spending than Bush did There was no discernable difference in their foreign policies (Few of us could imagine Bush turning out to be so horrible. Even old-time Republicans are turning against him now because of his ham-fisted arrogance) John Kerry, even after most Americans had come to realize that the Iraq War was a terrible mistake, calmly stated that even knowing what he knew in 2004, he would vote again to authorize the war His only difference with Bush was that he thought he could do it better Neither Gore nor Kerry provided a real alternative in the international sphere, and both meekly gave up the presidency without a fight when the elections were stolen from them by disenfranchisement and intimidation of Black voters and by rigged electronic voting machines with no paper trail

The American people must wake up to the fact that issues like abortion, gay rights, school prayer, and gun control are smokescreens to trick us into thinking we have two parties. These emotional social issues are very important to us ordinary people, but the big money interests don't care one way or another about them. They just want to make sure that the nominees of both parties will do their will when it comes to defense policy, foreign policy, and globalization, because these are the issues critical to their enormous profits.

The sad fact is that until the monopolistic corporate media is reregulated (returning us to the pre-Reagan era) and until big money is taken out of campaigns, the American people have little hope of ever electing a president who is not beholden to the billionaires and global robber barons

So how on earth do we get a government that will serve the needs of the people instead of the multinational corporations? Dennis Morrisseau of Vermont points out that the answer lies in the Constitution of the United States

#### The Constitution: Where Does Power Lie?

The Constitution gives the president very little power. The real power is given to Congress. Without the cooperation of Congress, the president can do little. The "Imperial Presidency" that has developed recently has only come about because Congress has willingly abdicated its powers to the president. They have done so because they are indebted to the same big money interests. We now have "the best Congress money can buy"

Morrisseau (himself an independent Republican candidate for Congress) suggests that the best approach to

creating a government that will serve the people is to replace the members of Congress with ordinary citizens obligated only to their constituents. This is not an easy task, but it's not impossible, either I know, only four incumbents were defeated in 2004, but 2006 will be another matter. The American people are fed up with Congress. There was a big turnover in 1994 in the Gingrich revolution, and it can happen again. Here's Morrisseau's idea as he and I have developed it

#### A Citizens' Congress

We will recruit citizens to run for Congress They can be Democrats or Republicans, Greens or Libertarians, Reformers or independents. They can be liberal or conservative in political philosophy They won't be asked how they stand on abortion or school prayer or other divisive social issues However, they must be committed to serving the people instead of the robber barons. They must be willing to campaign on the truth And they must be devoted to the interests of the working class and what remains of the middle class in America We will start with a handful of such candidates (We actually already have two Republicans, a libertarian, and three Democrats lined up All oppose the Iraq War and support universal health care, although those are not requirements) At the appropriate time, we shall make a joint announcement and build from there. The goal is to have candidates in every Congressional district in the country Incumbents can join with us (people like Dennis Kucinich and Ron Paul) as long as their voting records indicate their independence from party and lobbyist control and they sign on to our principles We will raise money through the internet, the way Howard Dean did, with lots and lots of small contributions from ordinary people We do joint advertising And we remove every incumbent who sold out our sovereignty to the World Trade Organization, who sent our sons and daughters to war for the big oil companies, and who mortgaged our grandchildren's future with corporate welfare and huge tax breaks for the very wealthy Our best chance of taking back America is to work through the existing parties to elect members of Congress who will serve the people. If we fail to get a major party nomination, we run as independents

#### **Artificial Divisions**

In order to define who we are as candidates for a Citizens' Congress, we must first rid ourselves of the artificial divisions that tend to keep us apart. The first is party Not all Republicans in Congress are neoconservative imperialists Many Republicans are now extremely uncomfortable with the way the current

administration is leading this nation. And not all Democrats would be a decided improvement. The Republican-lite members of the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) are just as indebted to the big money interests as are the Republicans. They offer no real alternative in foreign and military policy or globalization. They refuse to condemn or even question the Bush administration's coverup of the truth behind 9/11, the doctored intelligence and outright lies behind the Iraq War, or even the stealing of the 2000 and 2004 elections. These wishy-washy go-along-to-get-along so-called Democrats are a disgrace to the party of FDR and JFK. There are more important things than party affiliation, and we welcome those of any party to our ranks.

The other artificial division we must overcome is the one between political liberals and conservatives, or (as it is sometimes framed) between advocates of big government and small government. The division between liberals and conservatives has been created by the big money interests to give Americans the false impression that they have a real choice in the electoral process.

The terms "Conservative" and "Liberal" are timehonored labels that have unfortunately lost most of their meaning today The Corporate media portray a Conservative as an Ebenezer Scrooge before his Christmas Eve ghostly visitors, consigning the poor to the prisons and workhouses Likewise, they show a Liberal as a Fagan, picking the pockets of the deserving wealthy, corrupting the morals of our youth, and exhibiting not the slightest hint of conscience or self-control Neither of these Dickensian caricatures is true. The corporate ruling class and their media have deviously divided the American people and turned us against each other because they don't want us to know who our real oppressors are Well, no more It's time we the people came together and took back our country Conservatives and liberals have BOTH been alienated, manipulated, ridiculed, and ignored by the ruling elite (I call them the radical centrists) whose only ideology is to serve money and power What I learned from my 2000 campaign was that conservatives and liberals agree on the vast majority of the issues They just use different words Both want a government that follows the Constitution and serves the interests of the average American Both want an end to wars of conquest and empire on behalf of multinational corporations Both love their country but fear and distrust their government Both are correct Both will have their interests served by a new American government freed from the control of big-money interests

The question isn't "Should we have big

government or small government?" The real question is "Whom does government serve?" We need a government committed to serving the people and big enough and strong enough to do the job One of the legitimate functions given the federal government by the Constitution is to provide for the common defense Americans are now under attack, along with the several States and the nation itself, not by other nations, but by transnational corporations and banks and their stooges - in particular the World Trade Organization. It can overrule laws made by the American people and confiscate our property We need a federal government big enough and strong enough to protect us from these enemies. Currently, our government is much too big and powerful when it comes to dealing with individual citizens. The Patriot Act has eroded the protections of the Bill of Rights and moved us toward a police state. At the same time, our government has chosen to surrender its sovereignty over the multinationals, and indeed has given the WTO veto power over all our laws and regulations — even those of states and municipalities. The government has also handed over its regulatory power to the lobbyists representing the corporations supposedly being regulated We now have the biggest government we have ever had, but one that is totally ineffectual in protecting us from the big money interests exploiting us.

It wasn't always thus. The two Roosevelts (one from each party) both used the government to protect people from the power of big business. We need such a government again Recently, presidents of both parties have waged unconstitutional wars on behalf of giant corporate interests. They have used America's youth as cannon fodder for corporate profits, committing impeachable offenses by violating our founding document

It's time for genuine liberals and true conservatives to come together and work toward a government that serves and protects the American people, a constitutional government respectful of the Bill of Rights and robust enough to tame the robber barons of the 21st century. It's time to end the artificial divisions separating us from each other. It's time for the left and right to come together in common cause to form a government committed to serving the legitimate needs of all Americans, including the working class and what's left of the middle class in this country. There will be plenty of time later for a reasoned debate over social issues on which we may differ

#### **Our Common Commitment**

Having rid ourselves of the artificial divisions of political party and political philosophy, we must state just what it is that we require of those wishing to be a part of a

Citizens' Congress I believe in the end it comes down to just three principles (1) support for the U.S.

Constitution and Bill of Rights, (2) commitment to honesty and openness in government, and (3) independence to serve the needs of the people according to their individual judgment and conscience. That's it Everything else flows from those three Foreign policy, military policy, trade policy, tax policy, health care, social security, education, the environment, electoral reform — it all derives from a commitment to honestly serve the needs of the people within the framework of our Constitution Some would add term limits, limitations on campaign contributions, and support for campaign finance reform and electoral reform, and there is some merit to these, but I think the fewer requirements the better

Each candidate will interpret these basic commitments a little differently, and each will develop their own policies on specific issues. And that's OK We're not trying to create another lock-step party. We're attempting to build a Congress of citizens who are responsible only to their constituents, not to big money interests, and not even to us. We are quite confident that the result will be far superior to anything we've seen in the recent past. Let's take a look at some specific issues and see how the members of a Citizens' Congress might translate our Commitment into policy. (The specific policy positions are my own.)

#### **Electoral Reform**

The current electoral system gives enormous power to the two major political parties and to the big money interests that control them at the national level The needs of the people will be better served by a more open system in which third party candidates and independents stand a better chance. The first and most important requirement is to outlaw all means of voting which do not result in a paper ballot which can be counted, recounted, and audited as necessary The second is implementation of some sort of Instant Runoff Voting (IRV), Preference Voting (PV), or Single Transferable Vote (STV). These give voters a chance to rank their choices for a given office, eliminating the danger of "throwing one's vote away" According to exit polls, Ross Perot would have been elected president if there had been IRV in his first campaign. He was preferred by a majority of voters, but only 19% voted for him because they were told he couldn't win and they didn't want to "throw their vote away " Ballot access laws need reforming to eliminate expensive and burdensome petition requirements which serve to shut out third party and independent candidates in many states Proportional Representation

(PR) should also be considered Real campaign finance reform is needed which will slash the cost of running for office. At present, only multimillionaires and those willing to sell themselves to those who are can compete. If we can't reform the electoral system, we'd be better off dumping it altogether and adopting H. L. Mencken's 1926 proposal to choose legislators the way we choose juries — pick their names at random. This idea (proposed independently by Dennis Morrisseau in 2004) is certainly radical, but couldn't possibly result in a Congress as bad as the one we now have

#### Military Policy and Defense Spending

As a career military officer, I support a military strong enough to protect our borders and the people of this country But I oppose using the military to protect the worldwide financial interests of multinational corporations and banks After 60 years, there is no reason for us to still be occupying Germany and Japan and stationing troops in over 150 countries. I would bring home our troops This change in mission and deployment would allow the defense budget to be reduced substantially We now have a trillion dollars in new weapons on the books for future procurement -- useless nukes and unneeded cold war weapons. At the same time, we have over thirteen thousand soldiers and their families subsisting on food stamps. Our priorities must change. The defense budget no longer bears any relationship to our national security. It has become little more than corporate welfare for the weapons manufacturers Eisenhower warned us about and a subsidy for the transnational financial interests our military protects I believe defense spending can be cut by more than 50% while increasing our national security, protecting our borders, and providing real homeland security. Once again, the key is respect for the Constitution, honesty and openness in government, and policy in the interest of the American people, not the billionaire robber barons.

#### The Iraq War

The current Iraq War is a perfect example of war being conducted solely for the financial interests of multinational corporations. It has absolutely nothing to do with national security or protecting the American people It is also a perfect example of policy based on deceit. It was not caused by faulty intelligence. It was caused by manipulated intelligence and deliberate deception. It has nothing to do with freedom or democracy or human rights or protecting our allies or weapons of mass destruction or defeating terrorism or disarming Iraq or ousting a dictator

It has to do with money It has to do with oil And it has to do with raw imperial power. It was based on lies, and most of us knew it before the war even started [Those few readers for whom all this is a surprise and who are unaware of PNAC and the Downing Street Memo are referred to our web site www rmbowman com/ssn ] Those who forced this war on an unwilling world are guilty of violating the U S Constitution, the UN Charter, the Nuremberg principles, and international law What they have done is illegal, immoral, unconstitutional, and treason Those in Congress who supported it are accomplices Most of them knew better too, but voted the way the big money interests wanted instead of voting their consciences Many Democrats voted to authorize the war out of fear of appearing "soft on defense" The members of a Citizens' Congress would never abdicate their constitutional responsibility and give a president a blank check to spill the blood of our sons and daughters to secure profits for big oil

#### **Moral Issues**

Let's get one thing straight Morality has very little to do with sex and a great deal to do with money and power It has to do with how we treat one another It is immoral for the big money interests to force government to serve their greed instead of serving the people's need. I do agree that servants of the public are role models and need to set a high moral standard for themselves I favored the impeachment of Bill Clinton - but for the right reason Not over poor Monica I would have impeached him for the bombing of Baghdad and the rape of Yugoslavia There are indeed huge moral issues facing us today Waging wars of aggression is a moral issue Poverty in the midst of wealth is a moral issue The treatment of widows and orphans is a moral issue (It was in Jesus' day, and it still is ) Health care is a moral issue Let the fundamentalist churches worry about who is sleeping with whom if they want to (although that was never a major concern of Jesus). The government has bigger fish to fry Government should concern itself with morality in the board room and the war room, not the bedroom

Having said that, we should recognize that issues like abortion are very important to most Americans. And most want the number of abortions drastically reduced. The federal government can play a role by eliminating the social conditions that drive women to seek abortions in the first place — lack of financial security, lack of health care, and irresponsible men who get women pregnant and then disappear. The government can also make sure women have real choices and are aware of them. Then

having done that, the government must respect the choices women make. There can be no return to the back alley. The left and right must work together to make sure abortion is safe, legal, and rare. The left must stop opposing common sense legal restrictions on unnecessary late term abortions. And the right must stop trying to criminalize women who choose to prevent pregnancy through the morning-after pill. All sides must respect those who are pro-life, especially if their pro-life positions also apply to those who have already been born. (Pope John Paul II said that the death penalty is no longer necessary to protect society and so is not justifiable. That too is a moral issue.) Members of a Citizens' Congress may disagree with my take on these moral issues, and that's OK. We can have a respectful debate once we have taken power for the people

#### **Social Security**

There's a very simple way to make the Social Security system solvent forever - do away with the cap on earnings subject to the FICA tax. Right now, this is by far our most regressive tax. It is a heavy burden on workers and small businesses, but it is a free ride for the wealthy. (Wages above \$90,000/year are not taxed. Capital gains and investment income are not taxed at all.) Tax all income at the same rate Make FICA a flat tax. That will bring in so much money the government won't know what to do with it The current ceiling could be replaced with a floor. Nobody would have to pay FICA tax on the first \$40,000 per year, but they would get credit as if they had. All income above that would be taxed at the current rate. Benefits could be raised, and there would still be more than enough to handle the baby boomers. Conversely, privatizing social security would be a huge windfall for Wall Street while jeopardizing the livelihood of those who depend on Social Security Put people first

#### Globalization and International Trade

I support trade, but it should be fair trade, not free trade I oppose NAFTA and the World Trade Organization (WTO) They are not really about free trade, but free investment Everything about them favors the billionaire investors NAFTA created 20 new billionaires in Mexico (and quite a few in the US), but it decreased the standard of living for workers on BOTH sides of the Rio Grande. Rather than raise the standard of living in the third world to match ours, these agreements are decreasing our standards to match those in poor countries. The newly created transnational organizations (like the WTO) are operated by and for the giant multinationals, with no accountability, no minutes of their meetings, no explanations for their decisions, no input from workers or their elected

representatives, and no loyalty to any nation. They overrule our laws, ignore our courts, and force our workers to compete with Chinese slave labor. They destroy the quality of life everywhere except on Wall Street. Now we have CAFTA, too. Enough is enough. All trade agreements must include protection for workers and the environment.

#### The Economy

Since the 1950s, productivity has doubled over and over and over again Yet family income in this country is roughly the same as it was in the 1950s The difference is that in the 1950s there was one wage earner per family, and one 40 hour per week job Today there are two wage earners per family and three jobs, one of which usually requires 60-70 hours per week. The real hourly wage in this country for workers is about a third what it was in the 1950s. This is largely due to free investment agreements which put American workers in competition with workers in the third world If American workers received the same proportion of the wealth they create with their labor as they did in the 1950s, a worker today could support his or her family with one job working two days a week If worker pay had kept up with CEO pay, the average worker would be making a million dollars a year and the minimum wage would be \$140 per hour! The economy may be very good for the billionaires, but it is lousy for workers and what's left of the middle class A Citizens' Congress will ally itself with working Americans, stop subsidizing the outsourcing of American jobs, and promote full employment at a living wage

#### Tax Policy

Corporations "tax" workers 70 times as much as the government does The average worker creates about \$150 worth of new wealth each hour But his take home pay is only \$8. The government takes \$2 in taxes, and the corporation takes \$140 for overhead and profit, including obscene CEO salaries This is the "tax" we need to reduce Even failed CEOs are given hundreds of millions of dollars when they are fired CEO salaries now exceed 600 times the salary of their workers And these huge compensation packages are tax-deductible expenses for the corporation We taxpayers are subsidizing their salaries! We should limit the corporate tax deduction for executive compensation to 20 times the salary of their lowest paid worker A corporation could still pay their executives whatever they want, but we don't have to give them a tax deduction for it That way the excess executive compensation would come out of after-tax profits If that made stockholders limit executive pay to what is

deductible, we would see worker pay rise dramatically, for every time the boss gave his workers an extra dollar an hour, he could pay himself an extra twenty

We must also close the loopholes that allow the multinationals to avoid taxation altogether. We could probably eliminate income taxes for workers and small businesses making less than \$50,000 per year if we told the multinationals who use foreign suppliers, foreign slave labor, and offshore bank accounts, "If you want to sell your stuff in this country, you're going to pay your fair share of taxes." We should also consider a small tax on financial transactions. Currency speculation and day-trading are not investment, but gambling. Tax them. The objective of tax policy should be to allow the economy to function while slowing the enormous transfer of wealth from the poor and middle class to the obscenely wealthy

#### Health Care

The people of this country need a doctor-run single-payer national health system which takes control away from the HMOs, the for-profit hospital conglomerates, the giant pharmaceutical companies, and the insurance industry. One simple way to achieve this is by expanding Medicare to cover all Americans of all ages. and to include prescription drugs, dental care, and longterm care President Clinton had a chance to bring about such a system in 1993, but sold out to the insurance companies, resulting in a bastardized scheme which pleased no one and failed to pass Congress Both conservatives and liberals are tired of their relatives being bounced back and forth between the sorely underfunded VA and Medicaid systems All too often our loved ones fall through the crack because no government agency steps forward to pay the bill So people go untreated and languish in pain until they die Those 40 million Americans without health insurance? They don't NEED insurance They need CARE.

#### The Environment

Ever since Jimmy Carter's presidency, this nation's environmental policy has been based more on what is best for General Motors and Exxon/Mobil than on what is best for America and its people. With the exception of a few in the "rapture cult," the American people want to leave their grandchildren clean air, clean water, and a livable planet.

As a scientist, I find overwhelming evidence for

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global warming and other hazards of unfettered human activity like the burning of fossil fuels. I also see ways to protect the environment while spurring the economy, like the development of electric, hydrogen-powered, fuel cell, or hybrid automobiles, nonpolluting mass transit and intercity transportation, and renewable power sources like solar and wind. I support the Kyoto accords. Complying with them will not damage the economy -- only the financial interests of some of the old, entrenched corporations. Like the blacksmiths and buggy makers of a century ago, they must change or disappear. We cannot afford to rape our environment to keep them in business

CAFÉ auto mileage standards must be sharply increased, and applied to light trucks and SUVs as well. The public must be given tax credits big enough to make hybrid vehicles, renewable residential power, and more efficient appliances truly competitive. The government must also invest in free non-polluting mass transit. Do away with toll gates and ticket machines altogether. If rapid transit systems could be ridden for free, we would cut down on auto usage, rush-hour traffic, parking woes, and smog in our cities. Why not free rapid transit?

A Citizens' Congress will also make sure that industrial polluters clean up their own messes, instead of

making taxpayers foot the bill

#### The Last Word

There are, of course, many other issues to be addressed, including education and immigration My take on them is on our web site <a href="https://www.rmbowman.com">www.rmbowman.com</a> Some are on the Space & Security News Home Page and some are on my campaign home page Bowman 2006. In every case, it's a matter of putting the needs of people above the greeds of the corporations. Solutions can be found, but first we must "Take Back America" That is the job of the Citizens' Congress If you want to be a part of it, let us know!

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# Dr. Bob Bowman running for U.S. CONGRESS

#### "Dr Bob" Joins "Band of Brothers" To "Take Back America"

Dr Bowman's "Take Back America" article in the November 2005 "Space and Security News" caused quite a stir, especially in Democratic Party circles. By February 2006, members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Brevard County, Florida, had convinced him that he was the best possible candidate to unseat the incumbent Republican After a little arm-twisting, and with the blessing of his doctors and his wife, Maggie, Dr Bowman took up the challenge

He told his team that he would run, but only if they could help him get the 5,000 petitions required to get him on the ballot With a week to go before the April 10th deadline, they were still about 800 signatures short. But his volunteers came through, and gathered about a thousand more petitions than were required. This not only got him a spot on the ballot, but brought significant credibility to the campaign.

Dr. Bowman is one of 60+ combat veterans running for Congress under the banner "Band of Brothers " (Go to www bandofbrothers2006 org) Most are Democrats, and all are against the Iraq War All are running to "Take Back America" for the people All are hoping to unseat professional politicians and form a Citizens' Congress There is change in the air Stay tuned!

#### **Space & Security News** On Hold During Campaign

The Institute for Space and Security Studies (ISSS), as it did during Dr. Bowman's presidential campaign in 1999-2000, has put publication of Space & Security News on hold until after the 2006 election. Dr Bowman has taken a leave from ISSS in order to devote his time to his campaign. The work of ISSS, however, goes on in the background. Supporters and subscribers are encouraged to continue supporting the Institute. Note also that we have moved, along with the Bowmans. All correspondence should go to our new address:

#### New Addresses for the Bowmans & the Campaign

Dr. & Mrs Bowman have moved into the Indian River Colony Club, a retirement community for military officers. Their new address is:

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## Why I'm Running For Congress

#### by Dr Bob Bowman

This country needs a government committed to peace, freedom, economic justice, human rights, and the interests of working Americans. With or without a president who shares that commitment, a Citizens' Congress can successfully pursue those goals on their own. Congress holds the purse strings and the Constitutional power. Unfortunately, at the moment we have the best Congress money can buy What we need are people in Congress devoted to the Constitution, to the truth, and to the service of the American people I am such a person, ... and I'm ready.

In my Air Force career, I served in 34 different countries and flew 101 combat missions in Vietnam. I've seen war, and I don't like it. As an executive in both government and industry, I've been on both sides of the military-industrial complex, and I know how it works Eisenhower was right For the last 24 years, I've been a whistle-blower and watchdog for the American people, exposing the lies and misdeeds of our corporate-controlled government. I know how the global robber barons of the New World Order elite are stealing the American people blind, and I know how to fix it. The incumbent Republicans and Democrats can't. Most of them are bought and paid for, whollyowned subsidiaries of the G8, the World Bank, the IMF, and the World Trade Organization. Through them, the world's billionaires direct U.S. policy for their own profit.

This has included a series of agreements (NAFTA, CAFTA, & the WTO) falsely portrayed as supporting free trade, but in reality promoting free *investment*, overturning U.S. laws, and putting American workers in competition with those in the Third World. The resulting decrease in standard of living has made America number one among industrialized nations — number one in child poverty, number one in the gap between rich and poor, number one in unimmunized children, number one in teen pregnancy, number one in deaths by gunfire, number one in poverty among the elderly, number one in

citizens without medical coverage, number one in homeless veterans, and number one in citizen incarceration We are the world's #1 debtor nation, #1 in the creation of new billionaires, #1 in our use of the world's resources, #1 in the production of pollution, #1 in school dropouts, #1 in poverty, homelessness, hunger, divorce, suicide, and (oh yes) #1 in military force, nuclear weapons, and military spending — as much as all the other nations in the world combined. This also makes us the number one object of fear and hatred and therefore the number one target of terrorists (along with our friends in Israel) We also lead the world in the number of hours worked per family, since real hourly wages are now a third of what they were in the 1950s. Our infrastructure is crumbling. Our industrial base has all but disappeared .. and yet our government has a trillion dollars worth of new weapons on the books — weapons to fight corporate wars. It's time for our priorities to change.

The big-money domination of politics has also resulted in a series of wars, from Vietnam to Kosovo to Iraq — wars which are never in the interest of those fighting them, or of the families left behind ... wars which only serve the insatiable greed of the global investor class. There is a direct connection between economic injustice, the wars being waged against any country not capitulating to the New World Order, and our political system. We must sever the connection between big money and political power We must return power to the people.

I've been told that it doesn't take a rocket scientist to run the government. Nevertheless, I am one. I'm also a career military officer, the father of seven children, and the grandfather of twenty-one. I've been a corporate slave, a song-and-dance man, a stuffy college professor, an itinerant preacher, a fighter pilot, a radio talk show host, and a husband to the same wonderful woman for 50 years. One thing I have never ever been is a politician — and I don't intend to start now

I'm going to Washington to restore power to the people Once that's done, I'll go back to being a part-time rocket scientist, a part-time bishop, and a full-time troublemaker

Once the people are back in control, all sorts of things become possible. No longer forced to compete with Chinese slave labor or illegal aliens, American workers can support their families with one job, not three. I will sponsor legislation indexing the minimum wage for inflation — retroactively to its origination. That will set the minimum wage at about \$15 an hour. For details, see the Issues page of our web site www Bowman2006.com

With the people in control, every American can have good health care, run not by HMOs or insurance companies or the government, but by their doctor. It's time to kick the insurance companies out of the health care business, break the stranglehold of the for-profit hospital conglomerates and HMOs, and finally join the rest of the civilized world with a doctor-run single-payer national health system. This can be phased in with an expansion of Medicare (Again, details are on the web site.)

With the people in control, we can greatly reduce the tax burden on workers and small businesses. By severing the connection between employment and health care, we can eliminate payroll taxes completely. Start-up businesses shouldn't have to worry about taxes at all until they become profitable. Right now, the tax burden falls on small businesses which use American suppliers and hire American workers, while the big multinationals use offshore suppliers, offshore slave labor, offshore bank accounts, and avoid US taxes altogether. It's time for the giant multinationals who sell their products here to pay their fair share of taxes.

With the people in control, Social Security can be strengthened and made financially sound forever by simply removing the cap on earnings subject to FICA

With the people in control, the Defense budget

can be used for our real security needs and the needs of the people in our military services, not to buy useless nukes and unneeded cold war weapons just to satisfy the greed of the weapons manufacturers. I was very fortunate. I came back in one piece from my 101 combat missions in Vietnam. Many were not so lucky. Veterans of the Vietnam War came home afflicted with Agent Orange, unappreciated, and traumatized by what they saw and what they were asked to do. More Vietnam vets have died of suicide than were killed in combat.

Tens of thousands of Gulf War veterans have had their lives destroyed by a combination of depleted uranium, anthrax vaccine, and chemical weaponry. They are still being told it's all in their head. Our men and women in uniform deserve better than that. It's time for us to take care of those who put everything on the line for us and for our security.

Most importantly, with the people in control, Americans can be freed of the threat of nuclear terrorism. We are the target of terrorists because our government is feared and hated. It is hated because it has done hateful things to people all around the world. Our government has deposed elected leaders and supported brutal dictators who have sold out their own people to the multinational corporations. It did it in Iran. It did it in Chile. It did it over and over again in Central America. More recently, our government has engaged in "preemptive" wars of aggression, killing over a million people, more than half of them children. We love our country, but fear our government. Well, so do people around the world, and for good reason. The only way we can make ourselves secure from the threat of nuclear terrorism is to get control of our government and stop it from doing hateful things in our name.

The immediate need is to end the illegal, immoral war of aggression in Iraq. To do this we must disavow any control over Iraqi oil, over the rebuilding contracts, and over the 14 permanent military bases we have built in Iraq. The truth about this war is that it was not a result of faulty intelligence. It was brought on by manipulated intelligence and deliberate deception. It has nothing to do with weapons of mass destruction or freedom or democracy

or protecting our allies or removing Saddam Hussein It has to do with money It has to do with oil And it has to do with raw imperial power. We must support what's left of our troops by bringing them home while they are still alive! I will sponsor legislation to end all funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan beyond that needed for an orderly and rapid withdrawal

I will also sponsor (and have already lined up co-sponsors for) legislation to impeach Bush and Cheney and to fire Donald Rumsfeld and Condoleezza Rice for knowingly deceiving the American people to justify their war in Iraq

I will sponsor (and have already lined up cosponsors for) legislation initiating a truly independent investigation of 9/11 There is mounting evidence of complicity by elements of our own government. If they have nothing to hide, why are they hiding everything? Why are they hiding audiotapes of FAA and NORAD controllers? Why are they hiding videotapes of whatever hit the Pentagon? Why are they hiding the black boxes? Why did they destroy most of the forensic evidence showing that three buildings at the World Trade Center were brought down by Thermite demolition charges? The American people and the families of those who died on 9/11 deserve the truth, and we do not yet have it. The Kean-Hamilton commission report was a whitewash, a cover-up, and a bundle of deception If a new investigation identifies those responsible, they should be indicted for treason

We may sometimes have a bad government, but we are a very good people. It's time for us to have a government that reflects the values and goodness of the American people.

Our values and goodness are not reflected by a government which uses our youth and our money to train death squads in the techniques of torture, intimidation, and assassination. It's time for The School of the Americas to be closed.

Our values and goodness are not reflected by a government which gives Most Favored Nation status to the butchers of Tianenmen Square and places an illegal secondary embargo on the impoverished people of Cuba It's time to end the embargo of Cuba and put principle before profit in our dealings with China.

Finally, our values and goodness are not reflected by — and we will no longer accept — a government which sends our sons and daughters around the world to kill Arabs so the oil companies can sell the oil under their sand, making us the target of terrorists. It's time for us to be the good guys. No more Iraqs. No more El Salvadors. No more Kosovos.

These are not isolated acts of stupidity. They are part of a long bloody history of foreign policy conducted for the financial interests of the wealthy few. It is a new colonialism, it endangers our national security, it wastes our youth, it mortgages our future, and it must end.

As a member of Congress, I will see that we use the men and women in our armed forces to protect our people and our borders, not the financial interests of Folgers, Chiquita Banana, Halliburton, and Exxon. This is not isolationism, it is common sense, it is in the interest of our people, and it is obeying our Constitution for a change. Every administration in recent memory has committed impeachible offenses by violating our founding document. It's time for those in our government to give more than lip service to their oath of office, and to treat the Constitution like it mattered!

We must build an America at peace with the world and with its own people .. an America that seeks not to be king of the hill nor subservient to the World Trade Organization, but to be a responsible sovereign member of the family of nations ... an America that is free of the threat of nuclear terrorism because it is no longer feared and hated . . an America that leads the world — not by dominating and manipulating other nations, but by earning their respect and admiration .. an America that leads the world — not with military might, but with its vision, its compassion, its democracy, its productivity, its freedom, its standard of living, its treatment of its own people, and its goodness. That's the kind of America I want to build, and that's why I'm running for Congress

#### Dr. Bob Tackles a Few of the Tough Issues

(His position on ALL the issues can be found on his web site www, Bowman2006 com)

Drug Policy: Our "War on Drugs" is a disaster It's an excuse for violating human rights at home and protecting right-wing dictators abroad Military aid for Colombia will only result in more human rights violations against the people of Colombia It should be halted immediately Here at home, I would pardon all those imprisoned for possession or use of small amounts of marijuana For users of cocaine, heroin, and other highly-addictive drugs, treatment should replace incarceration Prison should be saved for the importers and distributors of illegal drugs—including the CIA I support industrial hemp and the medical use of marijuana

Farm Issues: Like other small businesses, American family farmers are becoming an endangered species. They are falling victim to globalization and the giant agribusiness transnational corporations. Farm subsidies should only go to family farms. They are a vital national resource and must be protected and encouraged to develop new methods of sustainable agriculture. Dairymen and farmers are getting a smaller and smaller share of each dollar we spend in the supermarket. The lion's share goes to giant processors and packagers. This trend must be reversed.

Gay Rights: I support human rights, and the last time I checked, homosexuals were human beings So by definition I support homosexual rights. They should have the same rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as anyone else, and that includes the right to be free from discrimination and harassment From a moral and societal point of view, we should all oppose promiscuity, whether gay or straight We tell our straight teenagers to "Save it for marriage " But what do we tell our gay teenagers to save it for? Now, many people are uptight about the word "marriage" They want it used exclusively for the union of a man and a woman OK So let's call a monogamous commitment between gays or lesbians "pairage" But for goodness sakes, we must encourage it, whatever it is called We can no longer doom homosexuals to a lifetime of celibacy, closeted deceit, or promiscuity We must hold out the hope of being able to live in a lifelong relationship, and to have that relationship recognized by society and given all the legal rights, responsibilities. and privileges that accrue to married heterosexual couples

Immigration: Immigration is a complex issue which cuts across party lines. Those in favor of "amnesty" or a "guest worker program" include pro-corporate Republicans, elements of the Roman Catholic Church seeking

new congregants to replace millions of alienated and excommunicated parishioners, a few Union leaders hoping for new dues-paying members, and liberal Democrats driven by compassion for poor illegal immigrants seeking a better life. Those opposing the "guest worker program" include racist Republicans and disgruntled taxpayers who don't want to subsidize social services for illegals. None of the above groups sees the critical problem with illegal immigration (or indeed with uncontrolled legal immigration). The problem is that large numbers of immigrants willing to work for peanuts depresses the wages for all working Americans, including what's left of the middle class.

President Bush and other supporters of a "guest worker program" keep talking about immigrants taking jobs that Americans won't do. That is completely false. There are no jobs Americans won't do. There are only jobs that Americans won't do for the paltry wages corporations pay illegal immigrants. If they were paid a decent wage for their efforts. American workers would pick our crops, collect our garbage, mow our lawns, flip our hamburgers, wash our dishes, and build our houses. If there were no illegal immigrants, employers would have to pay decent wages. They would have no choice. (There are jobs that can't be exported ) Yes, if American workers were paid a living wage, prices would go up some. But wages would go up far more, so that more Americans could afford the fruits of their labor The fact of the matter is that allowing large numbers of immigrants to stay in this country is a subsidy to unscrupulous businesses which employ them and exploit them.

The answer is to provide health care and emergency services to illegal immigrants and their families, but NOT welfare, unemployment compensation, or education for their children. Second, we must have a secure way of determining who is in this country legally, and then severely punish employers who hire illegals. If they are unable to get jobs or welfare, the illegals will go back home. Yes, controlling the border with more fences and troops may supply part of the answer, but the real solution lies in preventing illegals from earning money in the United States. That will not only encourage many to leave, it will also prevent more from coming here in the first place. Any kind of "amnesty" or "guest worker program" will just have the opposite effect and encourage millions more to risk their lives to get into the country and "cash in."

If we are truly compassionate, and want to better the lives of poor Mexicans, the way to do it is to encourage the Mexican people to elect a populist government to replace the oligarchs. Then we can assist that new government of Mexico to better the lives of their own people where they live. Of course, it would help if we got rid of our own oligarchs, too. They are the ones pushing the "guest worker program," because it means lower labor costs for their fatcat industrialist friends, and therefore higher profits. In the end, it's all about money

Prescription Drugs: The current Plan D (for Disaster) program for prescription drugs for seniors is masquerading as part of Medicare. It is nothing like Medicare. It is a subsidy for giant pharmaceutical companies and a boon for insurance companies. But it is a disaster for struggling seniors. The whole mess should be scrapped completely. Instead, prescription drugs should be covered as a normal part of Medicare, just like x-rays, doctor visits, and surgery. In addition, the government should allow itself to negotiate with drug manufacturers for the lowest possible prices. That would save money for taxpayers. But the cost to the government of drugs should be immaterial to patients, because they should never pay more than \$10 for a month's supply of medicine.

Quid Pro Quo Politics Too many politicians take money from big money interests and their K Street lobbyists, then turn around and vote on behalf of those interests. If the giant multinational corporations didn't make billions in profits from the votes of "their" politicians, they wouldn't spend tens of millions on those politicians. The result is that we have the best Congress money can buy. It's usually impossible to prove that a "quid pro quo" has taken place. But if you look at how individuals vote and then look at who funded their campaign, who lined their pocket, and who took them on expensive junkets, you KNOW it has happened. When I get to Congress, I will NOT take money or gifts from corporations or lobbyists. I will serve the PEO-PLE of my district and the United States. My votes will not be for sale.

Space As a rocket scientist, I'm a big supporter of the space program. The United States should encourage the development of a vibrant civilian space program, and Florida should be at the center of it.

The backbone of the space program is the cadre of scientists, engineers, technicians, and mechanics supporting the Space Shuttle and its applications. I am deeply concerned about a four-year gap (which could turn into 8 or 10 years) between the end of the Shuttle program in 2010 and the beginning of the next era in 2014 or so. If we save money by laying off shuttle workers and lose their talents and their

corporate memory, we may have a very hard time reconstructing a team for the next generation of space exploration. We should instead allow the team to gradually reduce in size to that needed for the future. This reduction should take place through natural attrition and retirement. We must also make sure that we maintain and recruit the right mix of skills for the future. This will not be an easy task, and will require cooperation between the federal government, the state of Florida, and Brevard County

Women's Issues There are lots of issues in this category - each worthy of its own paragraph, but we will attempt to deal with most of them here. The overriding theme is the dignity and equality of women Saying women should be equal with men is not to deny their obvious superiority in many ways Indeed, if women ruled the world, there would undoubtedly be more caring, more compassion, more understanding, and a lot less greed Still, it is a man's world, and thus we are in the ironic position of having to seek "equality" for the better half of humankind In particular, we insist on equal pay for equal work and on equal opportunity for women in the workplace for those who choose to have a career outside the home At the same time, we proclaim that this should be a matter of choice and not of necessity. Some women will choose a career instead of marriage or instead of motherhood, and that should be their right But for those women who choose to be wives and mothers, they should have the option of choosing to work in the home (and being a fulltime homemaker and mother is hard and challenging work indeed) Unfortunately, the American economy makes this almost impossible except for the lucky few married to those earning huge paychecks. Today, most American women are forced to work outside the home. Single mothers are particularly downtrodden in our society. We must work toward a society in which women have real choices, and in which their contributions are properly valued Those who choose to work outside the home should be provided reliable and affordable child care and a living wage

In some other societies, it must be admitted, women are even worse off than they are in the United States. It should be the policy of our country to work through the United Nations and non-governmental agencies (NGOs) to eradicate the subjugation of women, female genital mutilation, the selective abortion of females, the murdering of infant girls, and other abuses of basic human rights worldwide

(If your issue wasn't here, go to www Bowman2006.com You'll find every issue there Call us if you don't.)

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Since we have obtained all the petitions needed to get on the ballot, the challenge now is to raise enough money to get Dr Bob's name and message out to the 460,000 voters in Florida's 15th Congressional District

We have found that the vast majority of those who actually hear Dr. Bob talk wind up supporting him — and that includes lifelong Republicans The tough part is to get enough people to hear him, or see his name That's where the money comes in We've bought campaign buttons, bumper stickers, palm cards, and rally signs But we still need billboards, local TV ads, yard signs, and ads in local newspapers All these cost money that we do not yet have

Besides making a contribution yourself, you can spread the word to all your friends, co-workers, neighbors Send the web link www.Bowman2006 com to everyone on your e-mail list. Ask them to go to the web site and make a contribution on line. It's easy. You don't have to live in the Congressional district to contribute. Any U.S. citizen or legal resident can donate up to \$2,100 during the primary season (up to Sep 5th) and another \$2,100 during the general election season (from Sep 5th to November 7th). If everyone gave \$100, Dr. Bob would be a shoo-in. But we know some won't bother to give at all, so those who can must take up the slack by giving more. Everyone can afford to give something!

Of course, if you live in the district, you can host a house party, walk your precinct, make phone calls, or join Bob's volunteer staff. To volunteer, call Dave White, Campaign Manager, at (321) 984-9713 or just go to the web site www Bowman2006 com. If you will work for Dr Bob Bowman now, he will work for you in Washington, DC Together, we can all Take Back America! Let's do it!



**Bob & Maggie Celebrate 50th** 

On June 23rd, 2006, Bob & Maggie Bowman celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a Mass and Renewal of vows at the Patrick Air Force Base South Chapel, followed by a formal dinner dance at Colony Hall in Indian River Colony Club. The Mass was celebrated by Father Franz Joseph Bowman, with the homily delivered by Robert M. Bowman, Jr. Co-celebrating were Monsignor, Bill Menter and Bishops Rose Tressel, Hollis Dodge, and Bernardo Morales. Maggie's first cousin, Deacon Thomas Hughes assisted. Attendants included the Bowmans' seven children, 21 grandchildren, and their spouses, most of whom did readings, sang, and played musical instruments at the Mass. Also participating was Bob's cousin Jan O'Leary, who was Junior Bridesmaid at Bob & Maggie's wedding in 1956

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#### MY VISION FOR AMERICA

"I envision an America that leads the world, not with military force, but with its vision, its compassion, its democracy, its freedom, its standard of living, its care for the global environment, its treatment of its own people, and its goodness. It is an America whose government serves the needs of the people, not the greed of multinational corporations and their K Street lobbyists. It is an America in which elected officials. at all levels, see their offices as a chance to serve their fellow Americans, not as an opportunity to line their own pockets. It is an America in which every person (regardless of their race, creed, color, age, or sexual orientation) is valued and lives in dignity, every person is cared for, every person is free to choose his or her life partner, and every person is free to reach his or her full potential.

"It is an America in which every family can be supported by one wage-earner with one job paying a living wage. It is an America in which single parents can freely choose to stay home to care for their children or to work outside the home knowing that their children are taken care of in a safe and nurturing environment. It is an America in which health care (including dental care, vision care, hearing care, long-

term care, home health care, and prescription drugs) is provided to all as a right. It is an America in which education is freely available to all, including university, graduate school, medical school, law school, and whatever advanced education the person can successfully handle, and in which educators (including those at the pre-school, elementary school, and high school levels) are highly valued and financially compensated accordingly. It is an America in which policemen, nurses, poets, firefighters, teachers, and garbage collectors can afford a good house in a nice neighborhood and live in comfort along with scientists, brain surgeons, CEOs, rock stars, and basketball players. It is an America whose borders are secure, immigrants are legal, and workers are amply rewarded. It is an America in which faith is respected, culture is preserved, the arts are supported, and the Constitution is followed.

"Above all, it is an America at peace with the world and with its own people. That's the kind of America our people deserve, and that's the kind of America a Citizens' Congress can build. When I get to Washington, with your help, that's the kind of America I will pursue."

-- Dr. Bob Bowman, May, 2006

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Part B Total

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X Part C

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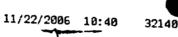
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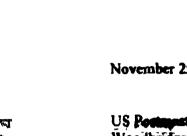
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We had followed the instructions of the printer, Discount Newsletter Printing, in preparing the original postage check. We have subsequently been notified that the printer used an incorrect rate for our organization, a Federal Campaign Committee.

For our second Newsletter mailing, on 10/18/06, we used the correct postage for our organization's status. We have calculated the difference in the two rates, and find that the additional amount owed for the first mailing is \$1,097.05.

This may not be the exact amount owed; if your calculations produce a different number please let us know and we will pay immediately.

Sincerely,

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Treasurer

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